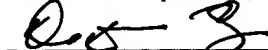


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	:	Customer No.
MURASE et al.	:	26817
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Serial No. 09/937,414	:	Group Art Unit: 1623
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Filed: 01/30/2002	:	Examiner: McIntosh, Travis C., III
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In an August 10, 2004 Office Action, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following groups:

I. Claims 10-13, drawn to methods of treating cutaneous inflammation by administering the chromanol glycoside of formula 1.

II. Claims 14-17, drawn to methods of treating the deposition of pigment or whitening the skin of a mammal by administering the chromanol glycoside of formula 1.

III. Claims 18-19, drawn to treating the formation of wrinkles and sags in the skin by administering the chromanol glycoside of formula 1.

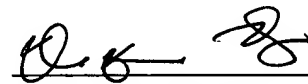
IV. Claims 20-21, drawn to promoting growth of cells in mammals by administering the chromanol glycoside of formula 1.

Applicants hereby elect with traverse Group I, claims 1013, drawn to methods of treating cutaneous inflammation by administering the chromanol glycoside of formula 1 for prosecution in this application. Applicants submit that a search of the methods of Group I would uncover the methods and treatments of Groups II and III, and the promotion of growth cells of Group IV. Applicants respectfully request the right to file a divisional application directed to the nonelected claims.

A prompt action on the merits is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned should he believe this would expedite prosecution of this application. It is believed no fee is required. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2165.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: September 9, 2004



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